



TRANSPORTATION, WATER & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

April 3, 2014

1:00 P.M.

651 Pine Street, Room 101, Martinez

Supervisor Mary N. Piepho, Chair
Supervisor Candace Andersen, Vice Chair

Agenda Items:

Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference
of the Committee

0. **CONSIDER approving the Record of Action for the April 3, 2014 Transportation, Water, and Infrastructure Committee meeting.** Any handouts or printed copies of testimony distributed at the meeting will be attached to this meeting record. (John Cunningham, DCD)
1. **Introductions**
2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to three minutes).
3. **Administrative Items.** (John Cunningham, DCD)
4. **CONSIDER approving the Record of Action for the March 6, 2014 Transportation, Water, and Infrastructure Committee meeting.** Any handouts or printed copies of testimony distributed at the meeting will be attached to this meeting record. (John Cunningham, DCD)
5. **APPROVE Revised List of Referrals to the Transportation, Water, and Infrastructure Committee.** (John Cunningham, DCD)
6. **CONSIDER Report on Local, State, and Federal Transportation Related Legislative Issues and take ACTION as appropriate.** (John Cunningham, DCD)
7. **RECEIVE report regarding the Delta Water Platform and take action as appropriate.** (Ryan Hernandez, DCD)
8. **RECEIVE report from the Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and FORWARD to the Board of Supervisors for adoption of both updated plans.** (Mark Boucher, Flood Control)
9. The next meeting is currently scheduled for Thursday, May 1, 2014.

10. Adjourn

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AB Assembly Bill	HOT High-Occupancy/Toll
ABAG Association of Bay Area Governments	HOV High-Occupancy-Vehicle
ACA Assembly Constitutional Amendment	HSD Contra Costa County Health Services Department
ADA Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990	HUD United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
ALUC Airport Land Use Commission	IPM Integrated Pest Management
AOB Area of Benefit	ISO Industrial Safety Ordinance
BAAQMD Bay Area Air Quality Management District	JPA/JEPA Joint (Exercise of) Powers Authority or Agreement
BART Bay Area Rapid Transit District	Lamorinda Lafayette-Moraga-Orinda Area
BATA Bay Area Toll Authority	LAFCo Local Agency Formation Commission
BCDC Bay Conservation & Development Commission	LCC League of California Cities
BDCP Bay-Delta Conservation Plan	LTMS Long-Term Management Strategy
BGO Better Government Ordinance (Contra Costa County)	MAC Municipal Advisory Council
BOS Board of Supervisors	MAF Million Acre Feet (of water)
CALTRANS California Department of Transportation	MBE Minority Business Enterprise
CalWIN California Works Information Network	MOA Memorandum of Agreement
CalWORKS California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids	MOE Maintenance of Effort
CAER Community Awareness Emergency Response	MOU Memorandum of Understanding
CAO County Administrative Officer or Office	MTC Metropolitan Transportation Commission
CCTA Contra Costa Transportation Authority	NACo National Association of Counties
CCWD Contra Costa Water District	NEPA National Environmental Protection Act
CDBG Community Development Block Grant	OES-EOC Office of Emergency Services-Emergency Operations Center
CEQA California Environmental Quality Act	PDA Priority Development Area
CFS Cubic Feet per Second (of water)	PWD Contra Costa County Public Works Department
CPI Consumer Price Index	RCRC Regional Council of Rural Counties
CSA County Service Area	RDA Redevelopment Agency or Area
CSAC California State Association of Counties	RFI Request For Information
CTC California Transportation Commission	RFP Request For Proposals
DCC Delta Counties Coalition	RFQ Request For Qualifications
DCD Contra Costa County Dept. of Conservation & Development	SB Senate Bill
DPC Delta Protection Commission	SBE Small Business Enterprise
DSC Delta Stewardship Council	SR2S Safe Routes to Schools
DWR California Department of Water Resources	STIP State Transportation Improvement Program
EBMUD East Bay Municipal Utility District	SWAT Southwest Area Transportation Committee
EIR Environmental Impact Report (a state requirement)	TRANSPAC Transportation Partnership & Cooperation (Central)
EIS Environmental Impact Statement (a federal requirement)	TRANSPLAN Transportation Planning Committee (East County)
EPA Environmental Protection Agency	TWIC Transportation, Water and Infrastructure Committee
FAA Federal Aviation Administration	USACE United States Army Corps of Engineers
FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency	WBE Women-Owned Business Enterprise
FTE Full Time Equivalent	WCCTAC West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee
FY Fiscal Year	WETA Water Emergency Transportation Authority
GHAD Geologic Hazard Abatement District	WRDA Water Resources Development Act
GIS Geographic Information System	
HBRR Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation	



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Subcommittee Report

TRANSPORTATION, WATER & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

0.

Meeting Date: 04/03/2014

Department: Conservation & Development

Referral No.: N/A

Referral Name: CONSIDER approving the Record of Action for the April 3, 2014 Transportation, Water, and Infrastructure Committee meeting.

Presenter: John Cunningham, DCD

Contact: John Cunningham (925)
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Referral History:

N/A

Referral Update:

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Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

Staff recommends approval of the Record of Action for the April 3, 2014 Committee meeting with any necessary corrections.

Fiscal Impact (if any):

None.

Attachments

4/3/14 TWIC Meeting Record



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3.

Meeting Date: 04/03/2014

Submitted For: TRANSPORTATION, WATER & INFRASTRUCTURE
COMMITTEE,

Department: Conservation & Development

Referral No.: N/A

Referral Name: Administrative Items.

Presenter: John Cunningham

Contact: (925) 674-7833

Referral History:

Administrative Items

Referral Update:

Staff will review any items related to the conduct of Committee business.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

None.

Fiscal Impact (if any):

No fiscal impact.

Attachments

No file(s) attached.



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None.

Attachments

March 2014 TWI Committee Meeting Record

March 2014 TWIC: Handouts/Written Testimony



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5.

Meeting Date: 04/03/2014
Submitted For: Catherine Kutsuris, Conservation and Development Director
Department: Conservation & Development
Referral No.: N/A
Referral Name: Approval of Revised List of Referrals to the Transportation, Water, and Infrastructure Committee (John Cunningham, DCD)
Presenter: John Cunningham, DCD **Contact:** John Cunningham, (925) 674-7833

Referral History:

N/A: This is an administrative item of the Committee.

Referral Update:

In January 2014, the Board of Supervisors adopted a list of issues to refer to the Transportation, Water, and Infrastructure Committee for 2014. As issues arise throughout the year, either the Committee or the Board of Supervisors can amend the list of referrals.

At the March 11, 2014 Board of Supervisors meeting there was discussion regarding recent deaths in Martinez and Oakley along rail corridors. The subject of railroad corridor safety, safety measures/programs, and outreach was discussed and the issue was referred to the Transportation, Water, and Infrastructure Committee.

Staff will provide an initial report at the Committee meeting and seek any necessary, additional guidance from the Members.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

REVIEW and APPROVE the revised list of Transportation, Water and Infrastructure Committee referrals as recommended by the Board of Supervisors and ADVISE staff on the new referral as appropriate.

Fiscal Impact (if any):

None. The cost to staff this Committee is included in the budget of the Department of Conservation and Development. Cost for Committee reports are borne by the department or agency responsible for addressing the referral item.

Attachments



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6.

Meeting Date: 04/03/2014
Submitted For: Catherine Kutsuris, Conservation and Development Director
Department: Conservation & Development
Referral No.: 1
Referral Name: Review legislative matters on transportation, water, and infrastructure.
Presenter: John Cunningham, DCD **Contact:** John Cunningham, (925) 674-7833

Referral History:

This is a standing item on the Transportation, Water, and Infrastructure Committee referral list and agenda.

Referral Update:

In developing items to bring forward for the Committees consideration, staff considers direction from the Board of Supervisors, the County's adopted Legislative Platforms, consults with our legislative advocates, and coordinates with partner agencies and organizations. At this time staff is highlighting the items below for the Committees consideration:

Local

The Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) is in the process of developing the 2014 Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP) which will be finalized at the end of the year. The planning process is expected to produce a financially unconstrained project/program list of approximately \$5B. This list will ultimately be narrowed down to approximately \$2.5B. At that point a discussion regarding revenue options to pay for the proposed programs and projects will take place. The level of engagement of the County/Board of Supervisors will vary depending on what funding option, if any, is pursued.

The most recent reports and actions of the CCTA Board on this topic are attached.

State

School Siting: As directed at the March 6, 2014 Transportation, Water, and Infrastructure (TWI) Committee meeting, staff is bringing a number of issues to the full Board of Supervisors for action at the April 22nd meeting. One particular element of that report contains proposed policies and communication to the State regarding liability issues. Considering the potential impact of these items, staff is bringing these specific items to TWIC prior to discussion at the Board of Supervisors:

Letter to State Staff: At a previous TWI Committee meeting there was discussion regarding liability.

Specifically, if the County is unable to achieve necessary reforms to state school siting practices then we should work to get protections in statute that relieve local land use jurisdictions of any liability associated with current school siting and design practices. While staff and our legislative advocate are working to achieve this goal, we recognize that getting this language in statute may be difficult. That said, we have addressed the same issue by going on record with state *staff*. Attached is a draft letter to the Executive Officer of the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) raising the issue of statutory responsibility for school siting and design.

As indicated, the letter is in draft form and planning staff is currently working with the County Counsel's office to refine the letter. Further revisions and input will be brought to the TWI Committee meeting in April.

School Siting and Safety Initiative (SSaSI): This white paper was developed by County staff in response to numerous requests for 1) a summary of the school siting issue, and 2) proposed solutions to the same. The white paper is included with the letter to the OPSC mentioned above and will be included as an attachment to the letters to our state delegation going to the Board of Supervisors on April 22nd.

Policy concepts that should be discussed by the TWI Committee begin at the bottom of the first page of the white paper. These concepts include proposals that affect school board statutory authority (re: land use), authority of Local Area Formation Commissions, and policies referencing the urban limit line.

The draft SSaSI paper has been distributed to a broad range of individuals and organizations including: Public Works, LAFCO staff, CALAFCO staff, Contra Costa Health Services, Contra Costa Transportation Authority, California State Association of Counties, Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and numerous advocacy organizations. Comments were solicited, received, and incorporated in to this second draft.

Staff is seeking 1) input on the two documents mentioned above, and 2) approval to bring the same to the Board of Supervisors.

State Legislative Advocate Report: Mark Watts (Smith, Watts, Martinez) will be present to provide a report to the Committee.

Tracked Bills: Attached to this report is a list of bills currently being tracked to facilitate discussion and action if necessary.

Federal

The following items of interest are attached (no action requested):

- **3/10/2014 Letter Regarding the Highway Trust Fund:** The letter discussed at the March TWI Committee meeting is attached to this report.
- **Magazine Article, *Highway Fund Stares into the Abyss*, 3/26/14 - Politico**
- **CSAC Analysis of President Obama's budget proposal to Congress.**
- **Letter from State Chambers of Commerce regarding reauthorization of MAP-21.** MAP-21 is set to expire in six months, on October 1, 2014.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

CONSIDER report and take ACTION as appropriate.

Fiscal Impact (if any):

No fiscal impact.

Attachments

Local Legislative Items

State Legislative Items (School Siting, Tracked Bills)

Federal Legislative Docs



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7.

Meeting Date: 04/03/2014

Submitted For: TRANSPORTATION, WATER & INFRASTRUCTURE
COMMITTEE,

Department: Conservation & Development

Referral No.: 5

Referral Name: RECEIVE report regarding the Delta Water Platform and take
action as appropriate.

Presenter: Ryan Hernandez

Contact: (925) 674-7824

Referral History:

The previous version of the *Delta Water Platform* was brought to the Committee on September 5, 2013.

Referral Update:

The *Delta Water Platform* has been refined and expanded and includes new policies not yet considered by the Committee. For this reason, the *Delta Water Platform* is being brought to the Committee for additional comments. Staff proposes to return on May 1, 2014 with an final version of the *Delta Water Platform* that can be forwarded on to the Board of Supervisors.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

RECEIVE report from staff and PROVIDE comments on the Board's Delta Water Platform.

Fiscal Impact (if any):

None. This is an update to the Board of Supervisors adopted *Delta Water Platform*.

Attachments

Draft Delta Water Platform

Delta Map



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8.

Meeting Date: 04/03/2014

Department: Public Works

Referral No.: N/A

Referral Name: RECEIVE report from the Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and FORWARD to the Board of Supervisors for adoption of both updated plans.

Presenter: Mark Boucher

Contact: (925) 313-2274

Referral History:

In 2002, Senate Bill 1672 created the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Act to encourage local agencies to work cooperatively to manage local and imported water supplies to improve the quality, quantity, and reliability.

In November 2002, California voters passed Proposition 50 (Prop 50), “the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002,” which provides \$500,000,000 (CWC §79560-79565) to fund competitive grants for projects consistent with an adopted IRWM plan. These bond funds were granted in a statewide application process with a certain amount (40%) guaranteed for areas north of the Tehachapi’s. In November 2006, California voters pass Proposition 84 (Prop 84), “the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act,” which provides \$1,000,000,000 (PRC §75001-75130) for IRWM Planning and Implementation. These bond funds were allocated to funding regions based on population and area to be granted in a competitive process within the nine (9) funding regions. Contra Costa is in both the Bay Area funding region and the San Joaquin funding region.

In November 2006, California voters pass Proposition 1E (Prop 1E), the Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act, which provides \$300,000,000 (PRC §5096.800-5096.967) for IRWM Stormwater Flood Management. Projects to be funded by Prop 1E were required to be “consistent” with (included in) an IRWM plan. This was a comparative statewide application process.

Below is history and background on the FC District’s involvement in the BAIRWMP and the ECCCIRWMP.

Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

In response to the requirement for IRWM plan, the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) utilized its existing ABAG-CALFED Water Management Subcommittee (subcommittee to the ABAG-CALFED Task Force) to engage Bay Area water agencies, local government representatives, environmental groups, and the general public in developing an IRWM plan that identifies, coordinates, and prioritizes projects within the Bay Area. This began a long-term process of engaging as many water resource agencies as possible to represent the full spectrum of water resource related interests in the Bay Area.

The outreach took the form of several established Bay Area organization pulling their members together. Those agencies without membership in organizations began to collaborate like never before. In general, four “functional areas” were identified. These four functional areas are listed below along with the organizations that coordinate

their representation in the collaborative efforts related to the Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) planning process.

1. Water Supply and Water Quality Functional Area (FA): this FA is coordinated by the existing Bay Area Water Management Agencies Coalition (BAWAC).
2. Wastewater and Recycled Water: this FA is coordinated by the existing Bay Area Clean Water Agencies (BACWA).
3. Flood Protection and Stormwater Management: this FA is coordinated by the Bay Area Flood Protection Agencies Association (BAFPAA), which was formed in response to the need to coordinate in the IRWM planning process.
4. Watershed Management, Habitat Protection, and Restoration: this FA coordinated by the Bay Area Watershed Network (BAWN), which is coordinated by the San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP) and under the umbrella of ABAG.

Bay Area IRWM Plan Coordinating Committee (CC), which meets monthly and is the forum in which the BAIRWMP consensus decisions are made. In this forum, and through subcommittees that worked on specific issues and tasks, the plan was developed, projects were vetted, grant applications were prepared and the plan updated.

A website was developed at <http://www.bairwmp.org/> to enhance awareness, openness, and communication of the actions and decisions the CC was making for the region. Through this website, project proponents can submit projects, review other projects, and view and download future, current, and past meeting materials and other files.

On March 23, 2004, the Board approved and authorized the Chief Engineer to sign a nonbinding and nonexclusive Letter of Mutual Understanding (LOMU) that memorialized the intent of the FC District and other signatories to participate in the development of the IRWMP.

On November 13, 2006, the Board ADOPTED the San Francisco Bay Area IRWMP Plan (2006 Plan) dated November 6, 2006, and AUTHORIZED the Chief Engineer, or designee, to continue participating in the process of updating, modifying, and revising the IRWM plan and directing the Chief Engineer to participate in an effort with other Bay Area flood control agencies to form an association for coordinating input to the IRWMP.

On April 19, 2010, FC District staff requested authorization through the Transportation, Water, and Infrastructure Committee to increase its participation level in the Bay Area IRWM planning activities. As with the 2006 Plan, the 2013 BAIRWMP update was developed through consensus of a large group of representatives from diverse organizations. Several agencies and organizations in each of the FAs provided the leadership necessary to secure participation of peer organizations in discussion of the regional plan. A consultant assisted in the plan update in developing consensus on the Bay Area Region's goals, strategies, and other information required by the State Department of Water Resources (DWR) to update the plan. The consultant also assisted in gathering project information, and independently scoring the projects for ranking in the plan. In order to ensure the transparency of the process, the CC held stakeholder workshops that were open to the public.

The updated BAIRWMP presents nearly 300 projects that would be eligible for Proposition 84 grant funding or other funding requiring consistency with an IRWM plan in the Bay Area. Many of these projects will provide water resource benefits to Contra Costa County residents.

The full BAIRWMP can be found at <http://www.bairwmp.org/>. The plan cover, table of contents, and Executive Summary of the BAIRWMP is provided as an attachment.

East Contra Costa County Integrated Water Management Plan

The East County Water Management Association (ECWMA) convened in response to the 2002 requirement for IRWM plans. ECWMA members worked together to produce a "functionally equivalent" IRWM plan and was accepted by the State. The functionally equivalent (FE) IRWM plan consisted of combining several existing plans that ECWMA agencies had already created. These were done in a natural, collaborative process in their respective water resources realms. The Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) was included in the FE IRWM plan.

Before the IRWM planning effort, the Contra Costa Water Agency (CCWA) was a member of ECWMA. An

amendment changed the membership from the CCWA to the County and added the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy (Conservancy) to the agreement. The FC District became recognized as a participant in the IRWM planning effort under the County's membership due to the fact that the FC District is managed by the Contra Costa County Public Works Department.

On April 11, 2005, the FC District requested approval to participate in the East Contra Costa County (ECCC) IRWM planning effort and prepare a Prop 50 and authorization to participate in the cost for professional services to prepare the grant application. This was the first of several requests for authorization to be involved in the ECCC IRWM planning effort.

The development environment of the ECCCIRWMP and the update was similar to that of the BAIRWMP in that consultants were hired to assist in the development of the ECCCIRWMP and the update and ECWMA agencies work collaboratively. Unlike the Bay Area, the ECWMA had an MOU that provides organizational structure. The meetings held to discuss the development of the plan were open to the public. The full ECCCIRWMP can be found via <http://ecccirwm.org/>. The Update 2013 Highlights Executive Summary of the ECCCIRWMP is provided as an attachment.

Funding Received through the IRWMP Grants

The following tables depict the funding received to date through the IRWM planning effort.

IRWM Funding Awards	Bay Area	ECC
Prop 50 Planning Grants	\$838,230	
Prop 50 Implementation Grants	\$12,500,000	\$12,500,000
Prop 84 Planning Grants	\$842,556	\$901,661
Prop 84 Implementation Grants	\$52,298,592	
Prop 1E Implementation Grants	\$64,808,000	\$12,000,000
Total	\$131,287,378	\$25,401,661
Grand Total	\$156,689,039	

The two Regions (Bay Area and ECCC) overlap. Because of this, three projects in the ECCIRWMP were funded through two different BAIRWMP Prop 84 implantation grants rounds. This was because the Prop 84 funds are allocated to 9 specific regions and the ECCC Region overlaps the San Francisco Funding Region, which is synonymous to the Bay Area IRWM Planning Region. These three projects total \$2,205,000 in Prop 84 grant funding.

Referral Update:

Current IRWM grant program status

Due to the drought declaration by the Governor, DWR is administering an accelerated "drought round" to use \$200,000,000 of Prop 84 funds (~42% of remaining Prop 84 funds) for drought relief projects. Draft grant proposal documents will be distributed around April 1, 2014, and the anticipated grant proposal due date is August 1, 2014. The remaining Prop 84 funds will be put out in a grant round in 2015 and will likely not be focused on drought relief, though it is too early to tell what the focus of the last Prop 84 round will be.

Commitment and CEQA

The Guidelines and the procedures developed by the DWR and the State Water Resources Control Board mandate that the IRWMP Plans be formally adopted, as evidenced by a resolution or other written documentation. The adoption must be done by the governing bodies of the agencies and organizations that participated in the development of the IRWM plans and have responsibility for its implementation. Therefore, the Board of Supervisors, as the Governing Board of the Flood Control and Water Conservation District, must approve the

IRWM Plan in order for the FC District's projects in the IRWM plans to be eligible for grant funding.

The IRWM plans are nonbinding documents. Adoption of the IRWM plans does not entail a direct commitment of resources. Implementation of each project identified in the IRWM plans will be the responsibility of the project proponent and any applicable project partners. There is no joint commitment or responsibility by the IRWMP participants or adopting agencies to implement any or all of the projects. Furthermore, the project proponents and applicable project partners have discretionary authority over project design and implementation and may elect not to implement a project based on changing regional conditions or needs. Upon implementing a project, project proponents will be responsible for ensuring that all regulatory requirements for the project are met.

The IRWM plans consist of planning studies and basic proposed project information collection that will not result in the disturbance of any environmental resource. Therefore, the IRWM plans are statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15262. As such, programmatic environmental analysis under CEQA is not required. Each project ultimately implemented, as a result of this plan, will require independent CEQA analysis.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

RECEIVE report from the Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District on the updated Bay Area and East Contra Costa County Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plans and FORWARD to the Board of Supervisors for adoption of both updated IRWM Plans.

Fiscal Impact (if any):

Some FC District staff time will be required on an ongoing basis. The FC District will benefit from coordination of its projects with those of other water, wastewater, flood management, stormwater quality, and environmental organizations in the Bay Area. (100% Flood Control District Funds)

Attachments

San Francisco Bay Area IRWMP Executive Summary September 2013 Full Color

ECCC 2013 Update Executive Summary

TWIC Board Order Draft for 04-29-14 BOS Meeting
